

SCHOOL CAMPAIGN HEARING IS QUIET

Captain Edmondstone Takes Stand in Defense.

ALL CHARGES ARE DENIED

Inquiry Launched by Director Shall Expected to Be Concluded Monday Night.

A comparatively quiet session of the property committee of school district No. 1, continuing the inquiry launched by Director Shull, was held last night when Captain Edmondstone, superintendent of properties, took the stand in his own defense and was succeeded by corroborative witnesses. The session adjourned at a late hour to meet again Monday night, when it is expected that the hearing will be concluded.

The atmosphere of court procedure was heightened by the fact that the hearing was held in a courtroom with George B. Thomas, director presiding in the judicial chair, and with R. H. Thomas, clerk, administering the oaths. For the prosecution appeared Director Shull and Attorney Collier, while Attorney Collier appeared for Captain Edmondstone.

Thomas Often Made Target.

Though Director Thomas has frequently asserted that he himself is not on trial, the unusual character of the proceedings is aptly by the fact that his presiding officer has frequently been the target of testimony. Captain Edmondstone, called as the first defense witness, testified clearly and emphatically, and in general denied the charges which have been preferred against him, and the supporting testimony of witnesses previously summoned by Director Shull.

Reorganization Is Explained.

He is a civil engineer of 37 years' experience, he testified, and entered the employment of the district on December 25, 1920, as superintendent of properties. He explained in detail how he had reorganized his department into bureaus, holding the chief of each responsible for the bureau entrusted to him. He had appointed Matthew Odell, chief of the bureau of maintenance and construction, and had made other similar appointments.

Typical Instance Is Cited.

Captain Edmondstone asserted that a typical instance of faulty estimates prepared by Phillips was one that he had returned to him for correction, had eventually proved larger than the bid received. He had been required to check with the bids, the result being that his estimate was shown to lack important and essential items that totaled \$300.

Agreement Is Reported.

"When did you first know that he had put in more than a day?" "When he himself testified to it," Phillips was subsequently discharged for refusing to reduce his force, said the witness, though he had later complied with the order, and because he was not in harmony with the department. The testimony turned to an attack on Phillips' statement that he had been arbitrarily raised by \$100.

Discharges Are Explained.

Concerning the discharge of men from Phillips' department, the witness said they were dismissed because there was no work for them, and that the saving thereafter had been \$20 daily to the district. He added that Phillips always sought to prepare low estimates, thus insuring the work to his own craftsmen rather than to outside bidders in order to keep the men employed.

Uniform Terms Provided.

Reform in Railroad Export Bills of Lading Is Decreed. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—Terms and conditions to be included in all export bills of lading issued by railroads for through transportation in connection with ocean carriers were prescribed in a formal decision today of the interstate commerce commission.

35 HELD UP IN MONTH

10 EX-CONVICTS ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH CASES.

61 Burglaries Reported to Police Bureau in Course of November. One Murder Committed.

There were 35 holdup robberies on Portland streets during November, 21 of which have been "O. K. ed" by detectives—that is, either explained or arrests made—and a gang of ten ex-convicts was held responsible for the majority of the crimes. The gang was broken up last week by Lieutenant Thatcher and detectives and nine of them were said to be ex-convicts from the Monroe reformatory of the state of Washington.

Those arrested were Carl Lind, Frank Burns and William G. Lawler, charged with robbery; Gordon Kirkpatrick and Elmer Johnson, wanted for the robbery of Judge Henry McGinn's home, four other burglaries and the robbery of a store at 26th and Alder streets; Max Hoaglin, charged with vagrancy, who was arrested with Lawler; Arthur Holmes, the only one of the ten who had not served time at Monroe, charged with burglary; Robert Weaver, Joseph Ford and Edward Barnes, the latter three with police records in Seattle, Butte, Spokane, Cheyenne, Portland, Tacoma, Los Angeles and Stockton. None of the gang was more than 24 years old.

Through lucky arrest of Frank Burns as he was fleeing from the scene of a holdup at Jake & Shy's restaurant, detectives obtained a wedge with which they pried into the gang's secrets.

Weaver, Ford and Barnes were arrested on suspicion, charged with vagrancy. They were said to be ex-convicts, and were held because they were associating with vagrants and were loitering with the drug traffic.

Other crimes of November were 61 burglaries, 12 of which have been cleared up; one murder, with the alleged murderer in jail; two safe robberies and 238 cases of larceny.

BARBARY COAST IS DEAD

NOTORIOUS RESORT THALIA IS SOLD UNDER HAMMER.

Beacon Light of Notorious Haven in San Francisco's Street of Vice Snuffed Out.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—(Special.)—The beacon light of another port of call on the Barbary coast of San Francisco is dimmed forever. The Thalia is no more.

The grand jury yesterday in its final report pronounced the Barbary coast "theoretically dead."

Today the raucous calls of an auctioneer sounded the funeral dirge of the most notorious resort on San Francisco's street of sin and the fall of its hammer tolled the death of the Thalia.

Like the advertisement of cleaning establishments, the coast has been "always dying" but never dead. The beginning of the end of the coast that is known in the harbors of the seven seas is seen in the demise of the Thalia.

Those who have watched the long struggles of the patient attribute the end to an acute attack of prohibitionitis and an overdose of Captain Layne's "coppers," plain and blue-coated.

The funeral service of the Thalia was written in the auctioneer's columns this morning and at 11 o'clock today Terry Mustain's "place" was thronged by a different crowd than might be seen any night at 11 o'clock.

Benches, carpets, glassware, pictures and everything else that has glittered and glared in the old Thalia since the first sailor visited the place and the coast secured its name of "Barbary" went to the highest bidder. And the Thalia is dead.

FOOD COSTS INCREASING

Slight Drop in Family Bill Is Reported by Loggers.

Food cost averages in the northwest during the past month have increased slightly over preceding months, according to figures issued by the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen Friday.

The figures show that the average cost of purchasing food for a family of five advanced for November 1 cent a day over the cost for September.

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"You must answer it," said Director Thomas. "I did not make the statement," said the embarrassed witness.

Attorney Collier requested an adjournment because of the late hour and the fact that several more defense witnesses were to appear. The hearing will be resumed and concluded Monday night at 7 o'clock.

LIUENTANANT BLOOM HERE

Information to Be Supplied for Naval Reservists.

Lieutenant Adolph Bloom, U. S. N., returned recently from a visit to Washington, D. C., where he conferred with officers in the navy department and the naval reserve bureau. He announced yesterday that members of disenrolled reserve classes may transfer to class 6 upon request to the commandant of the 13th naval district prior to January 1, 1922.

Service in class 6 is strictly voluntary and requires no compulsory training duty to maintain status. The officer of enlisted men who requests this transfer loses nothing and is in a position to realize the advantages of future legislation, Lieutenant Bloom said.

County Hospital Has Fire.

Fire in the bathroom on the second floor of the old county hospital at Second and Hooker streets at 9 o'clock Friday night caused excitement in all export bills of lading issued by railroads for through transportation in connection with ocean carriers were prescribed in a formal decision today of the interstate commerce commission.

Postoffice to Be Remodeled. SALEM, Or., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—The work of remodeling and enlarging the Salem postoffice will start within 40 days, according to a telegram received here tonight from Senator McNary. The cost of the proposed improvements has not yet been determined definitely.

COLORED MEN BACK FAIR

EXPOSITION TEMPLE OF PROGRESS PROJECTED.

Local Association Organized and Incorporated With View to Participation in Exposition.

Optimistic over the outlook for the 1925 world's fair, local colored professional and business men formed a corporation November 23 which will be known as the Race Progress association. The organization has been incorporated under the state department of education.

The object of the association is to finance and construct a building as a part of the fair, to be known as the Temple of Progress, in which exhibits of science, art, etc., showing the progress of the colored race of the world and especially the progress of the colored race in America during its 35 years of freedom will be housed. The organization will be ready to begin activities as soon as the exposition project is started.

National and international character of the colored race will be in the foreground of the movement, which is expected to surpass anything of the kind ever attempted, it is said.

The incorporators are Fred D. Thomas, John C. Logan, Beatrice Morrow Cannady, Ralph P. Flowers, G. N. White, T. H. Williams, A. J. Franklin, Adolph E. Clay, Henry Myles and E. D. Cannady.

WOMAN'S ATTORNEYS LEAVE MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Dec. 2.—Attorneys for Mrs. Anne U. Stillman, defendant in a suit for divorce brought by James A. Stillman, wealthy New York banker, left today for New York.

They carried a number of affidavits and photographs gathered near the Stillman summer home at Grand Anse by Fred Beauvais, the Indian guide named by Mr. Stillman as co-

BURCH ALIAS REVEALED

Assumed Name Used in Renting Auto, Says Witness. LOS ANGELES, Dec. 2.—Testimony that Arthur C. Burch, charged with the murder of J. Belton Kennedy, rented an automobile under an assumed name the night Kennedy was shot to death formed the climax of this afternoon's session of Burch's trial before Superior Judge Sidney N. Reev.

Richard Parsons, proprietor of an automobile rental establishment, testified Burch came to his place and rented a touring car the evening of

August 3 last and returned it about 9:30 o'clock the same night. He produced a rental slip signed "J. L. Jones" and declared Burch placed that signature there.

Graves Robbed of Flowers. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—Michael Davencenti is held today in the Colma jail, near here, accused of having stolen bouquets from graves in Greenlawn cemetery and then selling them on his flower stand. Constable Landini kept lonely vigil in the shadow of tombstones for several nights, he said, before he was able to capture Davencenti.

British Investigates Outrage. MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 2.—Acting under telegraphic instructions from the British embassy in Washington, A. H.

Hubbard, British vice-consul here, today began an investigation into the Episcopal church and a British subject, who was engaged in work among the negroes of Miami.

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